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SUBJECT: FOURTH COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES MEETING, 1975 - FOR

FINALIZATION OF DETAILS FOR THE CENTO MINISTERIAL

MEETING

REF: ANKARA 3791

1. CENTO COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES (CD) MET MAY 15. CD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AGENDA ITEMS (1) ADOPTION OF AGENDA (CD/74/A3) AND (2) APPROVAL OF THE RECORD (CD/75/R3).

2. THE FOLLOWING FINAL DECISIONS CONCERNING THE AGENDA FOR THE MINISTERIAL MEETING WERE TAKEN BY THE CD:

A. THE STEERING COMMITTEE WILL MEET AT 1500, MAY 21.

B. IN ANNEX B TO CD/75/D7, ITEM IX (B) DISCUSSION OF PAPER "SITUATION IN THE CENTO AREA" AND ITEM IX (C) DISCUSSION ON THE DRAFT PAPER "POLITICAL GUIDANCE FOR MILITARY PLANNING" HAVE BEEN STRUCK FROM THE AGENDA. THE FIRST PLENARY SESSION AT 1130 ON MAY 22 WILL, THEREFORE, BE CONCERNED ONLY WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA, APPOINTMENT OF THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE FOR THE FIANL COMMUNIQUE AND THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL.

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C. THE MINISTERS WILL NOT REPEAT NOT ATTEND THE

AFTERNOON SESSION ON MAY 22.

D. THE RESTRICTED SESSION AT 0900 ON MAY 23 WILL BE
ATTENDED BY THE MINISTER AND FOUR OTHER DELEGATION MEMBERS
FROM EACH COUNTRY.

E. THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON CHANGING THE TERM OF OFFICE
OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL IS CHANGED TO CONCLUDE, THE COUNCIL
BEGIN TEXT DECIDES THAT THE CHANGE IN THE INCUMBENCY OF THE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL SHOULD TAKE PLACE ON 1ST SEPTEMBER.
END TEXT. AT SUGGESTION OF IRANIAN DEPUTY, ADDED WORDS WERE
STRUCK AS REDUNDANT.

3. IN REFERRING TO THE POLITICAL GUIDANCE PAPER THE
SECRETARY GENERAL WILL REPORT ALONG LINES OF REFTEL AND HE WILL
INDICATE THAT HE HOPES THE MINISTERS WILL SUPPORT HIS VIEW.
THIS IS DESIGNED TO AVOID HAVING MINISTERS BECOME BOGGED
DOWN IN DISCUSSION OF THIS TIME CONSUMING AND DEVISIVE SUBJECT.
ALL DEPUTIES AGREED WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND THIS IS THE
BEST WAY TO HANDLE THIS MATTER. THE PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR ADDED,
HOWEVER, THAT ALTHOUGH HE AGREED THIS IS BEST WAY TO HANDLE THE
PROBLEM HE COULD NOT BE SURE WHAT AZIZ AHMED WOULD SAY WHEN
SUBJECT CAME UP. THE SECRETARY GENERAL WILL ALSO BRING TO THE
ATTENTION OF THE MINISTERS THE SITUATION OF THE AUXILIARY WORKERS
OF CENTO. THE MINISTERS WILL NOT BE ASKED TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER,
HOWEVER, AS IT IS BEING LOOKED INTO IN CONNECTION WITH CURRENT
EXPERTS' STUDY OF THE CENTO SECRETARIAT REORGANIZATION.

4. THE SECRETARIAT HAS REQUESTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE A
COPY OF THE REMARKS TO BE MADE BY ALL OF THE MINISTERS AT THE
OPENING PUBLIC SESSION AT 1000 ON MAY 22. THE MINISTERS'
STATEMENTS MUST BE TRANSLATED INTO TURKISH BY THE SECRETARIAT
FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE TURKISH PRESS. THE DEPARTMENT IS,
THEREFORE, REQUESTED TO PROVIDE THE EMBASSY BY TELEGRAM A
COPY OF THE SECRETARY'S PREPARED STATEMENT. (NOTE:
IN THIS SESSION THERE WILL BE FIVE REGIONAL STATEMENTS PLUS
THE PRESIDENT'S AND PRIME MINISTER'S. THE DEPUTIES ARE
RECOMMENDING TO THEIR PRINCIPALS THAT THEIR STATEMENTS RUN
SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 8-10 MINUTES.)

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